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## THE EARTH TREMBLED

Paducahans Feel Quite a Severe Earthquake at 6:20.

The Seismic Disturbance Extended From St. Louis to Louisville.

NO SERIOUS DAMAGE DONE

Hundreds of people last evening about 6:20 o'clock felt an earthquake shock. Many knew at once what it was, while others who felt it did not know until later, when people all over the city were talking of the unusual phenomenon.

Walls rocked, windows rattled, electric lights and chandeliers swayed and floors trembled.

Guests in the hotels became frightened and some of them came running out of their rooms, and one or two even ran downstairs.

So far as known only one shock was felt, and the seismic disturbance was not violent, but was perceptible enough to be felt all over the city.

Government Observer Hornemann states that the shocks were two in number and lasted about 30 seconds, coming from east to west.

He said it was the most violent shock he ever felt in Paducah, although he has felt worse ones in other places. It was a very peculiar disturbance, also.

In the west end of the city more people than anywhere else seemed to feel the disturbance. There were few who did not feel it.

A Chicago dispatch says of the earthquake: An earthquake shock, noted first at St. Louis, at 6:20 o'clock last night, and 25 minutes later at Louisville, Ky., caused windows to rattle and buildings to tremble in those towns, and many others which lie in the 300 miles that separate them. A second smaller disturbance of the earth was noted at St. Louis a few minutes after the first had ended.

Chicago was untouched by any unusual movement of the earth, according to Prof. Cox, of the government bureau, but many southern and Central Illinois cities reported the visit of a perceptible but harmless shock. At St. Louis the first quaking of the earth extended over a period of almost 20 seconds' duration, and was felt with great distinctness in Alton, Edwardsville, Belleville and other towns on this side of the Mississippi.

At Alton it was clear that the disturbance was moving from west to east. At Cairo it did not have so long a duration as when first reported, nor was any second shock reported. Its effects were distinctly noted all over the city, although no actual damage was done at Eldorado, Ill. The shocks lasted 15 seconds, and many clocks were stopped. At Marion, Ill. a roar like that of a railroad train was heard and some slight damage was done.

Dispatches from Chester, Ill., stated that that town noted the shock at 6:25 o'clock, and that it lasted over three seconds. Owensboro, Ky., which is almost directly east of Alton, reported the seismic disturbance at 6:40 o'clock, and added that it seemed to have lost none of its force. Pictures and bric-a-brac were shaken from the walls and tables of second story rooms. Louisville noted the shock five minutes afterward, and reported that it was so light as to attract little attention. No damage was done to any of the towns affected by the shock.

## GOOD ATTENDANCE.

TWO OF THE SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE OUT TODAY.

The schools opened this morning for the second week of the spring term with an excellent attendance and all grades have now settled down to steady work.

There are two teachers out of the schools today on account of illness. Mrs. Fannie Taylor of the third grade, Lee building, is ill and Miss Maggie Acker is acting as substitute. Miss Addie Byrd of the fourth grade, Jefferson building, is ill also and Miss Nancy Scott is acting as substitute.

## NO DANGER OF FLOOD

The Stage Here Will Not Go Over 36 or 37 Feet. It is Predicted.

River Is Getting Quite High—Danger at Wickliffe, Ky., Soon to be Reached.

LITTLE INCONVENIENCE HERE

The river has been rising very rapidly here for the past several days, but is now coming up quite slowly, with something like 35 feet on the gauge. Old rivermen predict that the stage will not go over 36 or 37 feet, while the danger line is 40 feet at this place.

The water, however, is getting quite high, and it is only a short distance from First street to the wharf, while many hollows are flooded and the back water has made the creeks very high.

A telephone message from Wickliffe this morning stated that the river there rose 3 feet last night, and that if it rose as rapidly today, by tomorrow it would be over the danger line. Already many of the roads adjacent to Wickliffe are flooded and the farmers are cut off, and there is much apprehension over the prospect.

Reports from all points above indicate an unusually high stage of water and the packets cannot make many of their landings.

The marine ways are practically closed down at present on account of the high water. All the work now being done is on a derrick barge. It will require quite a fall to enable the workmen to resume.

## SOMETHING DOING

Evansville Man Wanted to Stand Before Jeffries.

Champion Declines But Fitz Takes Him On—The Pugilists Get Busy.

BOTH GOT MAD SATURDAY

James J. Jeffries, who was in Paducah with Bob Fitzsimmons Friday night, offered \$250 in Evansville to any man who would stand before him four rounds Saturday night. They left here at noon Saturday and reached Evansville early in the evening.

George Weikel agreed to spar with him, but Jeffries refused to meet him. Fitzsimmons, however, took Weikel on for three rounds, but couldn't put him out.

It seems that the gentle roasts from the press in regard to the tame affair which the champion and ex-champion put up at their exhibitions are having their effect and the pugilists are awakening to the realization that there will have to be something doing or the people will quit paying to see them. Saturday night in Evansville, according to the reports, Jeffries got a severe cut over the eye from Fitz and got mad, making a rather vicious fight, which Fitzsimmons returned with interest.

## THE MARKETS.

FURNISHED BY ARNE & GILBERT OF THE PADUCAH COMMISSION CO.

	WHEAT	CORN	OATS	SPRINK	RYE	STOCKS
January	79 1/2	44 1/2	37 1/2	16 3/4	8 1/2	126 1/2
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## MR. PEARSON, MISS NORVELL LEAD

The End of the Fifth Week of the Sun's Contest.

A BIG VOTE IS POLLED TO-DAY.

At the end of the fifth week of The Sun's contest Mr. Pearson leads in the men's contest and Miss Norvell in the ladies'.

They are entitled to the cash prize of \$1 each.

The vote today was very heavy and the interest shown in the contest increases with each day.

The total of the votes received by all the candidates foot up a big figure and shows the interest being taken in the contest.

The contest will close on the 9th of March.

From now on it will be interesting.

The vote is as follows:  
Ed Pearson 8595.  
Charles Bundy 6659.  
Charles Holliday 6284.  
B.H. Pixler 3217.  
T.W. Baird 1225.  
Henry Weimer 856.

J. J. Fraundlich 704.  
W.T. Kirkpatrick 569.  
Pete Smith 81.  
George Hannan 69.  
Young Taylor 60.

LADIES' CONTEST.

Miss Lillie Norvell 8816.  
Mrs. Dr. Doley 8006.  
Mrs. Almada Arnold 8.

THE PRIZES.

First prize—\$100 in gold.  
Second prize—\$50 in gold.  
Third prize—\$30.  
Fourth prize—\$7.50.  
Fifth prize—\$3.50.  
Next four—\$1 each.

In the most popular lady contest the prizes are:

First prize—Transportation to Colorado and return at any time during this year.  
Second prize—Transportation to either Chicago or New Orleans and return at any time in this year.

I VOTE FOR

OF

As Most Popular

Officer in Paducah

Signed:

Monday, February 9

I VOTE FOR

As the most popular lady in Paducah

Signed:

Monday, February 9

## WANT APPROPRIATION.

IT IS DESIRED THAT EVERY FISCAL COURT APPROPRIATE \$200.

An effort is being made to have every fiscal court in the county appropriate \$200 for the Kentucky exhibit association. The fiscal court of Jefferson county has appropriated \$5,000 for the Kentucky exhibit, and it is thought that \$200 is a fair quota for other counties. An effort will be made at the next meeting of the fiscal court of McCracken county to have \$200 appropriated here.

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## TOUR OF INSPECTION

REV. PERRYMAN GOES TO HOPKINSVILLE AND RUSSELLVILLE.

Rev. G. W. Perryman left at noon for Hopkinsville and Russellville to visit the Bethel colleges.

Rev. Perryman goes as a state committeeman and will first visit the female college at Hopkinsville. After this is done he will go to Russellville, where the male college is located. He will return to Paducah Thursday.

Mrs. Martha L. Graham, of Lebanon, Ky., is here to visit her mother, Mrs. Holland, of North Sixth street.

The Price is Done Went

Till She Kudn't Went No Wenter

When Hart Kuts

he kuts, he do, he's the kuttinest kutter U ever sawed kut. Every one of them there beautifulest

Khrismus Kut Glass

and China things and the rest of them trix is

KUT TO KOST.

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## WAS PADUCAH NEGRO

He Was Known as "Mose" and Police Want to Know Identity.

Caught Trying to Break into a House at Princeton and Shot to Death.

WAS GOING TO MADISONVILLE

Chief of Police James Collins has received a letter from Marshal Wilson, at Princeton, stating that a negro known as "Mose" was killed there night before last by a man named Charles Towery, who caught the negro trying to break into his house. He shot at the marauder while he was in the act of getting in and the bullet proved fatal.

The police here are trying to ascertain the name of the man so they can notify his relatives. According to the Princeton officer the dead man was first seen about the depot at Princeton several days ago, and claimed he was from Paducah, and was on his way to Madisonville. He was known only as "Mose."

A very meagre description of him was given, and the only thing by which the police hope to learn his identity is by his clothing. He wore a black coat underneath a duck coat with dark pants.

The victim was about 20 years old and wore a cap.

## HORSE RACING GOOD

Unless it is for Betting Purposes Only.

Covington Man Preaches Sensational Sermon—Bowling Green Visited By a Fire.

BIRCH POISONING CASE

## INDORSES HORSE RACING.

Covington, Feb. 9.—Rev. R. Grat-tan Noland, rector of the Trinity Protestant Episcopal church, yesterday publicly indorsed horse racing as a sport when the gambling element is left out. He preached a red hot sermon last night against all forms of gambling, and created a sensation by stating that he had no objection to horse racing for a prize provided it was given to encourage the breeding of good horses.

## FIRE IN BOWLING GREEN.

Bowling Green, Ky., Feb. 9.—Fire was discovered at 2 o'clock in the feed store and meat market of John H. Collett, on Main street, and for some time it was feared that all the adjoining buildings would burn. Collett's was totally destroyed, the roof burned off the Deal hotel, and Devries bakery and a vacant store room were considerably damaged.

## THE POISONING CASE.

Louisville, Feb. 9.—The Birch poisoning case will be investigated Friday by the grand jury. The witnesses would have been heard sooner, but some of them have not entirely recovered, and it is the desire of the prosecution to present the testimony at one sitting.

## TURNED OVER TODAY.

WILL JOSEPH TAKEN BACK TO EVANSVILLE BY A DETECTIVE.

Will Joseph, the shantyboater arrested here last week for stealing some goods from a quarry near Evansville, was turned over to Detective Tom Hutchinson of Evansville this morning and agreed to return without a requisition, leaving at noon. He will be tried at Evansville for grand larceny.

Mr. J. D. Rowlett and Judge Thomas P. Murray, were in the city yesterday.

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## TO INCREASE SHOPS

Plans Being Drawn for Larger Addition Here.

The Illinois Central Machine Shops to be Made a Third Larger.

GOOD NEWS FOR PADUCAH

The Illinois Central railroad machine shops here will be increased to one-third the present capacity within the next few months, and the news will be received with much pleasure by the public in general, as this will settle the report which gains currency frequently that the shops will be removed from Paducah.

Last week the dimensions of the machine shops were taken by a draughtsman, who will begin the work of drawing plans for the new additions immediately, and within the week the plans will have been completed and ready for delivery to the contractors who will bid on the work.

The new additions will be made on the west end and on the northwest side of the shop and will increase the capacity one-third. Twenty new machines have been ordered for the shop, it is understood, and will be here by the time the work on the building has been completed. On the west end five pits or stalls will be added, making a total of fifteen pits. The shop at present can accommodate only ten engines at one time, having only that number of pits, but when the improvements are completed the shops will have five new pits and twenty new machines, which will of course mean the employment of many more machinists the season around.

On the northwest side a strip twenty feet wide and the entire length of the building will be added, which will carry the building nearly to the blacksmith shops. The addition of the five pits will carry the end of the building to the woodworking department, where box cars are repaired.

The railroad people have been going about the work quietly and had requested all who were employed in planning the improvements to keep the matter quiet. The report reached the ears of a reporter this morning and an investigation brought out the above facts.

Every year or two a report is started to the effect that the Paducah shops will be removed from the city, but these improvements and the rebuilding of the woodworking shops, which burned two years ago, will confirm the officials' constant denial of such reports.

The work on the improvements will begin when the building season opens, and will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The estimated cost of the improvements, for machinery and the building proper, amounts to many thousands of dollars, but the exact amount cannot be told until the contractors have placed their bids and the foundry companies have made prices on the machinery.

## LEWIS WAS HAPPY.

ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE CASES OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

James Lewis, colored, would doubtless have gone to the penitentiary for a robbery he never committed had not Will Roberts, alias Mann, confessed to the police Saturday night, as told elsewhere. Lewis was held over several days ago, and when released from jail was one of the happiest negroes in the city.

His case is another one of those that go to show how easily mistaken a man may be. Motorman Coleman, who was robbed, positively identified Lewis as one of the robbers, even describing the seams in his coat, and yet the motorman was mistaken. Lewis has no redress for his imprisonment except to sue Coleman, and he would get nothing if he did, as the motorman has no property.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Metcalf will leave for Erin, Tenn., this afternoon to attend the funeral of Mr. Metcalf's mother who died there this morning.